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May 5, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY  
REVISING THE LAWS IN CHAPTER 14 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATING  
TO THE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY OF ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Study. – The Legislative Research Commission shall study revising the laws set forth in Chapter 14 of the General Statutes relating to the criminal activity of organized retail crime which is having a negative impact on North Carolina's economy, its business, and its citizens. The study required under this section shall include all of the following:

- (1) A comparative analysis on how the federal government and other states regulate organized retail crime, larceny, antitrust violations, intellectual property rights violations, and the purchase of stolen goods for the purpose of reselling the stolen goods for profit.
- (2) Identification of the mediums by which organized retail crime participants resell stolen goods for profit including the use of the internet and electronic commerce.
- (3) The economic impact to state and local governments from the illicit activity of organized retail crime including the loss of sales and use tax and the expenditures of law enforcement resources.
- (4) Whether North Carolina should create an Organized Retail Crime Task Force similar to Utah to address organized retail crime.
- (5) Any other matters the Legislative Research Commission deems relevant to its efforts.

**SECTION 2.** Report. – The Legislative Research Commission shall report its findings, together with any proposed legislation, to the 2022 Regular Session of the 2021 General Assembly upon its convening.

**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

